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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:
 - (a) a first side having a first internal surface and a first external surface;
 - (b) a second side having a second internal surface and a second external surface; and
 - (c) a flexible film dosing reservoir containing a product and having a predetermined weak region, said reservoir being disposed between said first ~~external~~ internal surface of said first side and said second internal surface of said second side, said product adapted to be released via being releasable from said reservoir through said first side to said target surface by an application of pressure to said reservoir.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[Said]]~~ The applicator of claim 1, ~~whereas~~ wherein a first substantially fluid-impervious barrier layer is located between said reservoir and said second internal surface of said second side.
3. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said applicator is selected from the group of ~~[[a]]~~ gloves, ~~[[a]]~~ mitts, ~~[[a]]~~ pads, and ~~[[a]]~~ wipes.
4. (Original) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is rupturable.
5. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 4, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is rendered rupturable by a frangible seal.
6. (Original) The applicator of Claim 5, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is folded proximate to said frangible seal.

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7. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 6, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir has a first burst force when said reservoir is folded and a second burst force when said reservoir is unfolded, said first burst force being greater than said second burst force.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim [[8]] 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir further comprises a distribution channel having a distal end, said flexible film reservoir being adapted to release said product from said predetermined weak region to said first side through said distal end of [[to]] said distribution channel.
10. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 9, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir further comprises a distribution head in fluid communication with said distal end of said distribution channel through which said product is ~~adapted to be released remote~~ from said reservoir to said first side.
11. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir further comprises a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments containing a product, said plurality of compartments being adapted to provide at least one function, wherein said function is selected from the group consisting of mixing, multiple dispensing, and sequential dispensing.
12. (Original) The applicator of Claim 5, wherein said frangible seal has at least one stress concentrator.
13. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 2, further comprising a second substantially fluid-impervious barrier layer ~~within said internal cavity~~ disposed between said first barrier layer and said second internal surface.
14. (Original) The applicator of Claim 13, further comprising a second flexible film dosing reservoir containing a second product.

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15. (Currently Amended) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir ~~is comprised of~~ comprises a material capable of varying seal strengths.

16. (Currently Amended) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said first side is a substantially non-absorbent ~~structure~~ material.

17. (Original) The applicator of claim 1 wherein said second side is a substantially absorbent material.

18. (Currently Amended) The applicator of claim 1, further comprising a friction enhancing element located on at least ~~on~~ one of said first and second sides.

19. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said at least ~~[[on]]~~ one of said first and second sides is textured.

20. (Original) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is located to avoid inadvertent dispensing.

21. (Currently Amended) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of ~~applicator is used as one of the following group:~~ window cleaning compounds, bathroom cleaning compounds, kitchen cleaning compounds, furniture dusting and polishing compounds, body cleaning compounds, teeth cleaning compounds, car vinyl protectant compounds, herbicide ~~applicator~~ compounds, skin lotion ~~application~~ compounds, and baby clean-up compounds.

22. (Original) The applicator of claim 1, further comprising a temperature-changing element.

23. (Currently Amended) The applicator of claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second sides ~~is comprised of~~ comprises one or more removable layers.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for forming ~~a semi-enclosed~~ an applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, wherein said applicator ~~is to have~~ comprises a first side, a second side, a first fluid-containing flexible film dosing reservoir, and a dispensing aperture associated

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with said flexible film dosing reservoir and through which said fluid is selectively distributed to at least one of said first and second sides, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing a first web corresponding to one of the first and second sides;
- providing a second web corresponding to the other of said first and second sides;
- placing ~~[[a]]~~ said first fluid-containing flexible film dosing reservoir in a predetermined location ~~in relation to~~ between said first and second webs;
- securing the flexible film dosing reservoir relative to the webs; and,
- cutting the applicator in a desired outline shape from the balance of the respective webs to define ~~the finished~~ said applicator.

25. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first side having a first internal surface and a first external surface;
- (b) a second side having a second internal surface and a second external surface;
- (c) a rupturable laminate film reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed between said first ~~external~~ internal surface of said first side and said second internal surface of said second side, said product ~~adapted to be released~~ being releasable from said reservoir through said first side to said target surface via an application of pressure to said reservoir; and,
- (d) a flow restriction layer disposed between said reservoir and said first external surface.

26. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 25, wherein ~~the rupturable~~ said reservoir is a flexible film reservoir.

27. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 25, wherein said applicator is selected from the group consisting of a glove, a mitt, a pad and a wipe.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~Said~~ The applicator of claim 25, ~~whereas~~ said applicator further comprising a substantially fluid-impervious barrier layer ~~is located~~ disposed between said rupturable ~~flexible film~~ reservoir and said second internal surface ~~of said second side~~.

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29. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first substrate; and,
- (b) ~~and~~ a flexible film dosing reservoir comprising at least one frangible seal, said reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed adjacent to said first substrate, said product ~~adapted to be released~~ being sequentially releasable to said first substrate via multiple applications of pressure to said reservoir.

30. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first substrate;
- (b) ~~and~~ a reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed adjacent to said first substrate and having at least one weak region having a comparatively low burst force, said product ~~adapted to be released~~ being sequentially released to said first substrate via multiple applications of pressure to said reservoir[.]; and,
- (c) a flow restriction layer disposed between said reservoir and said first substrate.